

[Translation]

Pollution in Rivers

3349. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a serious problem of river water pollution in the country;

(b) if so, the method being adopted to assess the river water pollution; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to check the problem of river water pollution in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Based on river water quality monitoring data, the Central Pollution Control Board has identified some polluted river stretches.

(b) The critical parameters for river water pollution are Dissolved Oxygen concentration (DO), Coliforme and Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD).

(c) Steps taken for control of pollution of river include:

- (i) Effluent standards have been prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986;
- (ii) A network of ambient water quality monitoring stations have been set up;
- (iii) Environmental guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of industries;

(iv) Industries have been asked to comply with consent requirements of the State Pollution Control Boards to keep the discharge of effluents and emissions within the stipulated limits;

(v) Prosecutions have been launched against some of the industries causing river pollution;

(vi) Fiscal incentives are provided for installation of pollution control equipment;

(vii) A scheme has been initiated to give assistance to clusters of small scale industrial units for setting up common effluent treatment plants;

(viii) A time-bound action plan for control of pollution in highly polluting 17 categories of industries has been prepared in consultation with State Governments and a Notification has been issued under which polluting units of these categories are required to meet the standards by December 31, 1991.

New Afforestation Policy

3350. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a new afforestation policy;

(b) whether the said policy aims at plantation in the hill areas of Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh and to impose ban on felling of trees;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by what time this new policy is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) The National Forest Policy, adopted in 1988, provides for massive need-based and time bound programmes of afforestation and tree planting, with particular emphasis on fuelwood and fodder development, on all degraded and denuded forest and non-forest lands, including the hill areas as in Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. It also provides that production forestry programmes, while aiming at enhancing the forest cover in the country and meeting national needs, should not entail clear felling of adequately stocked natural forests.

[English]

Transfer of Physical Education and Yoga Teachers of K. Vs.

3351. **DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA :**

SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether annual request for transfer of Physical Education and Yoga teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas have not been given effect to during the preceding two academic sessions while the request for transfer of other categories of teachers have been/are being ordered; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Yoga Teachers were initially appointed on ad-hoc basis when yoga teaching was started experimentally. It was subsequently decided to integrate Physical Education and Yoga in Kendriya Vidyalayas and to regularise Yoga Teachers after they acquire the qualifications of Physical Education Teachers. In the meantime, routine request transfers are not being permitted.

Demand to Enhance Sum for Group Insurance Scheme in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

3352. **DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA :**

SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association has been demanding enhancement of sum assured for on the lines of Central Government Employees Insurance Scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association is demanding rationalisation of the